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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COOLING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY  
AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

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1. REFTTEL REPORTED THAT FEDERICO PONCE-ROJAS, DIRECTOR OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S TRAINING INSTITUTE, HAD RECEIVED "IMPLIED DIRECTIONS TO BREAK OFF RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MEXICO". IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF THIS REPORT PRESAGES AN INTENTIONAL EFFORT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES OR HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FERNANDO BAEZA, TO PULL BACK FROM THE EMBASSY, WE HAVE CANVASSED ALL EMBASSY ELEMENTS DEALING WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

2. IF THERE IS AN ATTEMPT TO DIMINISH CONTACT OR COOPERATION WITH THE EMBASSY IN AREAS OTHER THAN NARCOTICS TRAINING, WE FIND NO EVIDENCE OF IT. THE NARCOTICS ATTACHE FEELS THAT COOPERATION WITH DEA IN ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER AREAS REMAINS UNCHANGED. EVEN IN THE FIELD OF TRAINING, THE "WITHDRAWAL" APPEARS LIMITED TO THAT OFFERED BY DEA AND BAEZA'S RECENT RE-  
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FUSAL TO LET PONCE LEAD A DELEGATION OF FOUR HANDLERS TO A DETECTOR DOG CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY U.S. CUSTOMS. AT THE TIME OF THAT CONFERENCE, BAEZA INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT PONCE WAS TOO BUSY WITH OTHER IMPORTANT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE PROMOTED BY THE NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE UNIT (NAU), TO PERMIT HIS ABSENCE. PONCE HIMSELF IS WORKING VERY

CLOSELY WITH THE NAU ON PILOT TRAINING, MECHANIC TRAINING, THE SELECTION OF THE PERSONNEL NEEDED TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE REMOTE SENSING SYSTEM AND ITS RELATED DATA PROCESSING FACILITY.

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA RECENTLY INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER HE CONCURRED WITH RECOMMENDATION MADE BY NASA REPRESENTATIVE MOONEYHAN TO SEND PONCE ROJAS TO THE EARTH RESOURCES LABORATORY IN LOUISIANA TO INTERVIEW AND MONITOR THE U.S. TECHNICIANS ON THE JOB. IN THIS MANNER, PONCE ROJAS CAN DEVELOP SOLID CRITERIA FOR SUBSEQUENT RECRUITING OF MEXICAN TECHNICIANS FOR TRAINING AT NASA FACILITIES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BOTH THE INTERIM AND ADVANCED DETECTION SYSTEMS. LUCEY

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